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Homer's Nodding Head Held Up While He Is Told Something

McAleer Left Griff Many Good Players To Start His Campaign

Indoor Sports

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LOOKING 'EM OVER

BY LOUIS A. DOUGHER

Seldom does Homer nod, but when he does he's liable to be found under the table. Hence this open letter to our old college pal, George L. Moreland, now busily engaged shoveling coal into the Stove League, where they have plenty of smokes and sandwiches. My word, this is getting to be a giddy burg—smokes and sandwiches. In our memory, the Stove League subsisted on much better provender, especially if the cheese happened to be worth while.

George, old scout, harken to our tale o' woe, for thou art likely to learn something not in them there books o' yours. Frinstance, George, Jimmy McAleer left Clark Griffith a pretty fair assortment of ball players to begin the 1912 campaign. Indeed, when the Old Fox began operations that year, all he needed was a capable first baseman. He got him from Montreal in the person of Chick Gandil, handing over Bill Cunningham, second baseman; Buck Becker, pitcher, and Jerry Akers, pitcher, and \$3,500. No Washington fan requires further information concerning the wonderful performances of the 1912 Washington ball club. For the first time in the memory of folks along the Potomac the ball club was in the race. We who traveled around with the outfit enjoyed ourselves. The year before we met glad welcome everywhere, the foreigners knowing victories were coming to them. But in 1912 the Griffs were a ball club able to win games anywhere, and especially on the road. Only by an eyelash did the pennant slide to Boston.

When the 1912 season got under way Washington's new manager had for his infield Jack Flynn, wished on the Old Fox by a well-meaning friend, at first base; Ray Morgan, second base; George McBride, shortstop, and Eddie Foster, third base. In the outfield were Howard Shanks, left field; Zeb Millan, center field, and Danny Moeller, right field. The catchers were John Henry, Eddie Ainsmith and Alvin Williams. The pitchers were Walter Johnson, Bob Groom, Tom Hughes, Carl Cassion, Dixie Walker, and Joe Mauer, naming all those who figured in any games for the Washington club.

Here Art the Facts. Before he got his chance to make real money as a manager in Boston, Jimmy McAleer began planning a real ball club for Washington in 1912. We were on the trip West from Boston or New York in 1911 when McAleer quit the club for a few days and looked over Moeller and Foster, then with the Rochester club. When he rejoined the club in Cleveland we asked him what he'd seen.

"I've seen a great little infielder and a wonderful base runner," was McAleer's answer, sitting in the lobby of the Colonial Hotel. "If the runner can hit his weight, he should be a winner in this league. The other fellow can take care of himself."

McAleer was talking about Eddie Foster and Danny Moeller, both of whom were obtained by Jimmy McAleer for the Washington club in 1911 to report the following year.

McAleer Got Shanks. In left field was the Wizard gardener of the circuit in 1912, Howard Shanks. He, too, was obtained by McAleer from the Youngstown club of the old O. and P. league. Both Shanks and Everett Scott were obtained by McAleer, but he "covered up" Scott for the Boston Red Sox, probably thinking Shanks enough for the Washington club.

In center field was Milan, recognized as one of the best outfielders in fast company. He was a legacy to McAleer from the Canton days.

In right field was Danny Moeller, obtained by McAleer.

Of the pitching staff Johnson, Groom and Hughes were veterans. Carl Cassion was obtained by McAleer. Whether or not he might have made good will never be known, for attempts to change his style injured him. He was soon sent to Minneapolis, where he played last year.

Griffith obtained from St. Louis Frank LaPorte, who had a great year, hitting for .318 in 119 games; Chick Gandil, who hit for .302 in 117 games; Rippy Williams, from the Red Sox, who hit for .318 in 56 games; Jim Vaughn and Barney Peltz, veterans

who failed to make good, and Joe Engel, a schoolboy off the lots here.

Griff Tried Out Many. Before May 30, when he obtained Chick Gandil and finally got his team away from its great seventeen straight victories, Manager Griffith tried out many players. He continued to experiment too, whenever the necessity arose. For instance, Jack Knight was tried at second base in 26 games before getting the can. Dutch Schaefer played in 16 games at second base. LaPorte played in 57 games there before succumbing to the competition offered by Ray Morgan, who had joined the club in September, 1911.

Now, George, old dear, don't you think you're a bit mistaken when you say that of all the 1912 players on the Washington roster, it was only C. Walker and Cassion that McAleer introduced to the Washington team, and hey were all that Griffith took with him?

Judge and Grand Jury to See Bouts

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 20.—Probably for the first time in history of the ring, a judge and grand jury together will witness a boxing show. Judge Harry V. Osborne, of the court of common pleas, and the entire panel of the grand jury for Essex county, will attend the show Monday night at the First Regiment Armory here.

Governor-elect Edwards of New Jersey; Mayor Frank Hague, of Jersey City, and Mayor Frank Dorsey, of Perth Amboy, have also obtained reservations.

and replaced him with Chick Gandil, at that time a wonderful ball player. He decorated Dixie Walker with the order of the embossed tinware, shooting him to Baltimore for his first stop.

Later Griff got LaPorte, who played good ball here that year. Barney Peltz and "Tiny" Vaughn were failures, but that wasn't Griff's fault. Tilly Walker never showed any class here and earned his release to Kansas City.

In 1912, during the winter before the season began, Griff released most of his ancient, like Elberfeld and "Wid" Conroy. He is today facing much the same situation. He must now release some who have played here too long. And George, old dear, let's hope he gets some quite as good as Gandil was in 1912.

HATCHETTES OPEN IN OWN GYMNASIUM

Bucknell College Five Here Tonight to Play Harry Almon's Five at "Y."

George Washington University basketball players open their home season tonight in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium in playing the Bucknell College team.

The Bucknell lads were supposed to play here against Georgetown, Thursday night, but that contest was called off on account of a death on the Georgetown faculty.

Tonight the Penn basketballs will be primed for the contest. They have played exceptionally good basketball, and possess several first-class players who were holdovers from last year's team.

The Hatchettes will have Spears, Gilman, Myers, Boettler, and Underwood in at the start. Several other players will be given a workout by the G. W. U. coach.

LEONARD GETS \$25,000 FOR BOUT WITH DUNDEE

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Benny Leonard, lightweight champion, is to receive \$25,000 for his twenty-round decision bout with Johnny Dundee in New Haven, January 16. This purse is the largest ever drawn by a champion.

Tex Rickard has been named stakeholder in the agreement, which requires the champion's share to be posted before he enters the ring.

PICK BILL SNEDEGAR.

Bill Snedegar, the West Virginia Wesleyan quarterback, who starred in the Georgetown game at the Hilltop last season, has been chosen captain of the 1920 eleven.

WILL MEET INDIANA.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Dec. 20.—Indiana's football eleven will meet Rutgers here October 23, 1920, according to the football management.

M'DONALD ARRIVES TO TRY FOR FIGHT

Will Meet Kearns and Dempsey To Talk Match With Carpenter.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The race for Jack Dempsey's signature to a set of articles calling for a championship battle with Georges Carpentier was enlivened today by the arrival here from London of George McDonald, representing C. E. Cochran.

McDonald promptly wired Jack Kearns, Dempsey's manager, reiterating Cochran's offer of \$300,000 for the proposed battle in London.

When told that Kearns had demanded \$500,000 for the bout, McDonald said he believed the manager of the champion was "spoofing," and expressed confidence that he will land Dempsey for the bout in London.

McDonald will leave for the West to meet Kearns and Dempsey shortly unless the champion and his manager can be induced to come East or to meet him at some central point.

"I don't say that Carpentier can beat Dempsey," said McDonald today, "but he will surprise him. The Frenchman will beat anybody he can hit solidly, for he has tremendous punching power, and he is wonderfully skillful and clever. Dempsey must be a wonderful fighter, too. I haven't seen him, but he had to be good to defeat Jess Willard so easily. I've seen many great fighters, including John L. Sullivan, however, and I am convinced that Carpentier ranks with the best of them."

WEST VIRGINIA BATTLES YALE ELEVEN NEXT YEAR

Mountaineers Decide to Face Elis in New Haven Bowl for First Time.

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., Dec. 20.—The most important football game ever arranged for a West Virginia University football team was definitely settled here today, when it was announced that Yale would be played at the Bowl on Saturday, October 23 next. The date is important on the Yale card and, of course, will be a landmark in the history of the Mountaineers.

It marks the first gridiron engagement between the two elevens. There was much diversity of opinion here as to whether or not the game should be arranged, because Princeton had previously been booked for October 30, the Saturday following the date offered by Yale, but it was finally decided to risk these two major engagements on successive Saturdays, in spite of the fact that West Virginia's material will be poorer than that of the successful year just closed.

CARPENTIER WILL BOX TO AID SOLDIER FUND

MILAN, Dec. 20.—The Sporting Gazette announced today that Georges Carpentier, the French heavyweight champion of Europe, has accepted an invitation to come here before February 25 and to give a sparring exhibition at a boxing carnival, the proceeds of which will go as a benefit to the Italian Olympic games committee.

The motion pictures of the match in which Carpentier recently defeated Joe Beckett at London will be shown. Carpentier will be accompanied by Lennox, who acted as his sparring partner during the former's training in Paris. Carpentier also will spar with an Italian champion.

GALLAUDET WILL PLAY.

Gallaudet College will play one game during the Christmas holidays in meeting the Silent Five, of Hartford, here on December 27. None of the other college teams here will have games during the holidays.

WON GAME EASILY.

Epiphany Juniors defeated the Mt. Pleasant A. C. players by 41 to 1 last night, winning easily all the way.

Penny Ante

TRYING TO KEEP A PROMISE

By Jean Knott



WEATHER NO BAR TO GRID BATTLE

Rex A. C. Will Take on Drednoughts Despite Adverse Conditions Tomorrow.

Regardless of weather conditions the Rex Athletic Club-Drednought A. C. football game will be staged at Union Park tomorrow. This is the statement emanating from the rival camps today.

As a result, football fans are likely to be treated to an innovation. Early today Promoter E. Lawrence Phillips had a gang of workmen on the field clearing off the snow. It is expected that by nightfall all of the white stuff will be off and in piles on one side of the field.

Not since the Georgetown-Usaces game at American League Park three years ago have fans here seen a football battle in the snow. Tomorrow's contest will be staged under north pole conditions.

In the event of rain it is expected that the field will be thoroughly dried out by burning gasoline. Promoter Phillips promises to have things shipshape if there is any chance to be provided.

The teams are ready after a week's work indoors. The Rex players have worked out in the Northeast Temple while the Drednoughts have been practicing in Alexandria in the armory.

The Virginians will come here heavily backed. Their record is exceptional, as they have won all their games but one by a wide margin, and have been scored on but once. Camp Humphreys came nearest to defeating the Drednoughts, but lost by 7 to 6.

The Rex players will outweigh the visitors somewhat. Should the field be heavy this advantage will stand the District titleholders in stead. Tomorrow's game starts at 3 p. m.

HARVARD SQUAD LEAVES TODAY FOR COAST GAME

Coaches Say They Are Pleased With Showing of Varsity Players.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 20.—Harvard's football team, which is to play the University of Oregon at Pasadena on New Year's Day, will leave here for the Pacific coast at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Students planned to give the Crimson squad a big farewell demonstration.

The team had its last practice here yesterday afternoon when the coaches expressed themselves pleased. The next practice will be in Pasadena next Friday. During stops on the trip the players will be taken to a gymnasium when they arrive in Chicago Sunday for a short workout.

Harvard has suggested to the Pasadena authorities that A. G. Van Surdam, of Wesleyan, and D. W. Merriam, both of whom are familiar with western football styles, be named as officials. Neither has officiated in any Harvard games.

RICHARDS WILL PLAY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Vincent Richards, holder of both junior and senior indoor tennis singles championships, is entered in the national indoor juniors' and boys' singles which are to start here Monday at the Seventh Regiment armory. Richards will defend the junior title.

MIDGETS TAKE GAME.

Western High Midgets, averaging 100 pounds, defeated the Ontario A. C. yesterday by a score of 19 to 7.

Jean Dubuc Has Queer Pitching Record

Jean Dubuc, former Tiger with the Giants last year, has a queer record. Though appearing in thirty-six games, he pitched but one complete contest. He finished twenty-two games for ailing members of McGraw's staff and hung up an average of .600 by winning six and losing four. He twirled 132 innings for the Giants, facing 542 men. He gave 119 base hits, hit two batsmen, walked thirty-seven and fanned thirty-two of the enemy. He contributed one wild pitch to the league totals. Forty-nine runs were scored, thirty-nine of them being earned, giving him an average of 2.66 per game.

CENTER COLLEGE HEAD CLEARS UP ALL DOUBT

President Ganfield Compels Major Smith to Deny His Pro-Charges.

DANVILLE, Ky., Dec. 20.—President W. A. Ganfield, of Center College of Kentucky, today denied all charges of professionalism made against the unbeaten football eleven of 1919 and, furthermore, says that Major Earl Smith, a former West Virginia student and now editor of the Fairmont, W. Va., Times, who made the charges, has retracted his words.

"He has fully retracted his statements in a public article," says President Ganfield, "and also in a personal letter to me in which he frankly apologizes and expresses a deep regret that he was so sadly misinformed."

President Ganfield says that every member of Charlie Moran's team is a bona fide student, and that "Bo" McMillin and "Red" Roberts are young men whose careers have been followed through high school and at Center.

BROOKLANDERS HIT TOUGH FIVE THERE

NEWARK, Del., Dec. 20.—Catholic University was greatly surprised here, and left today after getting the short end of a 31 to 8 decision on the floor with Delaware College last night.

The visitors found Burton Shipley's team far too capable for them, and got but one goal from the floor. The Delaware lads got eight baskets from floor shots and took advantage of the many fouls called on the C. U. boys, who got excited in the second half and indulged in some rough work.

Glascott played a good game for the visiting team. The C. U. players left here today to go to New York, where they play the Crescent A. C. and St. John's College teams.

FOX FACES LYNCH.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 20.—Jory Fox, the British featherweight, and Joe Lynch, of New York, who has just left the bantam class to seek the title now held by Johnny Kilbane, will clash at the Sportsman's club here Monday night. Fox has been in this country several months, making an excellent impression wherever he has appeared.

CONNELLY HAS GONE.

Vaughn Connelly, Central's crack hurdler and football player, has left school, it is reported, and is expecting to prepare for college entrance examinations to go to college in the fall.

BILL DUDACK WILL LEAD HILLTOPPERS

Injured Varsity Guard Chosen Captain of Georgetown Eleven for 1920.

Bill Dudack, varsity guard, of New Britain, Conn., is Georgetown's football captain for 1920, his election coming at a meeting of the letter men yesterday. He is now captain of the Georgetown basketball team.

Dudack made the Hilltop eleven in 1917, putting up wonderful exhibitions against the Hilltoppers' strongest opponents. In 1918 he was with the colors. Last fall he came out and immediately clinched his place at left guard. He played strong football at Annapolis, and deserved much praise for his performance.

In the Georgia Tech game at Atlanta, Dudack suffered a fracture of the leg just before the whistle sounded, ending the first period. He is still unable to walk without a crutch. He was unable to play against Washington and Lee or Boston College.

The new captain is one of Georgetown's best all-around athletes. He is a star pitcher on the nine, an all-South Atlantic basketball and football player, and one of the most popular young men at the Hilltop.

DARTMOUTH WON'T PLAY COLGATE'S '20 ELEVEN

Declines to Visit Hamilton, but Yale and Cornell Are on Schedule.

UTICA, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Yale is adding to Princeton dropped from the Colgate football schedule of 1920, according to Graduate Manager Fred M. Jones, who made public today Colgate's games for next season. Five of the eight games are on the road. Princeton was dropped, being unable to offer a satisfactory date. Dartmouth declined to come to Hamilton for a return game. Center College and Georgia Tech sought games with Colgate at New York.

The schedule follows: October 2, Susquehanna, at Hamilton; October 5, Alleghany, at Hamilton; October 16, Brown, at Providence; October 23, Cornell, at Ithaca; October 30, Yale, at New Haven; November 6, Rochester, at Rochester; November 13, St. Bonaventure, at Hamilton; November 20, Syracuse, at Syracuse.

HUGHEY JENNINGS MAY FOLLOW GRIFF'S SUIT

DETROIT, Dec. 20.—Hughey Jennings, for years manager of the Tigers, is planning to follow Clark Griffith's example and become an American League manager.

Jennings has about completed negotiations for the purchase of stock owned by the late William F. Shawkey. As soon as he closes the deal, he will be elected vice president of the Detroit club and may give up active management of the team on the field.

WANTS TO PLAY GAMES.

Aloysius Club players want games with independent teams. Manager T. Pollard, 124 W. street northwest, would like to hear from teams. The Aloysius players defeated the Beta Theta Phi team by 44 to 12 last night.

GREB MEETS TURNER.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—Clay Turner and Harry Greb, the Pittsburgh light heavyweight, feature the Olympia's boxing card Monday night.

CHARGES JOHNSON WITH CONSPIRACY

Attorney Says Big Ban Sought To Drive Two Colonels From Baseball.

NEW YORK, December 20.—New loud cracking hand grenades were hurled at each other late yesterday by rival attorneys who engaged in the latest skirmish of the American League battle.

Charges that Ban Johnson went so far in his campaign to drive the Yankees out of baseball that he was trying to get the Giants into a conspiracy to deprive them of the use of the Polo Grounds, were made by Charles Tuttle, attorney for the Yankees.

In retaliation, the accusation was made by Marvin Wynne, attorney representing the Johnson faction, that the three richest clubs of the league had resolved to rule or ruin. He declared they desired only to harass and annoy the league president.

Add Some New Chapters.

The occasion of the heated verbal engagement was the hearing of arguments in the Supreme Court on the Yankees' motion to get James Dunn and two other officers of the Cleveland club into court to question them about the nature and extent of Johnson's financial holdings and his part of the management of the Cleveland club.

The legal battles, however, plunged into generalities, personalities and added new chapters to the noted Mays histories.

Tuttle fired the first gun when he introduced as evidence a letter which he alleged Johnson wrote to five club owners, denouncing the New York, Chicago, and Boston clubs in which he declared "they should be retired. We all know how impossible they are." He then referred to a "surprising situation." The Yankees are playing on the Polo grounds, owned by the New York National League club, and their lease has one more year to run. After citing this condition, Johnson wrote:

"Must Be Driven Out."

"The New York club must be driven out of baseball. I am sure other people can be induced to take the proposition and that satisfactory arrangements can be made with the owners of the New York National League club."

He then referred to the impossibility of finding a site in New York for a new field.

Wynne charged that all the alleged grievances of the "Three Musketeers" were subterfuges.

He charged the only object the late board of directors had in calling the league meeting in New York was to get Johnson, Dunn and others within the jurisdiction of the New York courts. Before the meeting New York they were served with four summonses, he said.

Wynne also threw some light on the so-called "peace pow-wow" the night before the league meeting that broke up in a row.

Offered to Compromise.

"The insurgents offered to compromise," Wynne said. "Here was their compromise: They agreed not to serve any legal papers on the Johnson faction if they could be assured that two of their representatives would be named on the board of directors and that in all cases pertaining to them Frank R. McLean, president of the league, making a deadlock on anything that might go against them."

Referring to the Mays case, Wynne said Johnson had suspended the rebel players, but he had offered Frank and Manager Barrow to discipline him and they refused to do it.

"That is not so," Tuttle broke in. "It is so, and we are going to prove it before the league meeting that broke up in a row."

Justice Davis, who heard the arguments, reserved his decision.

LAFAYETTE CAN'T PLAY PRINCETON NEXT YEAR

Football Authorities Unable to Agree on Date for 1920 Contest.

EASTON, Pa., Dec. 20.—Lafayette College will not meet Princeton University on the gridiron next fall. The University of Pennsylvania and Princeton asked to play Lafayette on the same day, October 16.

Penn was the first to ask, and Manager Carl Sigman virtually has closed negotiations for this date with Penn. It still, however, must be ratified by the boards of trustees and faculty athletic committee.

Lafayette offered to play Princeton on several other dates, but the Tigers couldn't arrange to play the maroon and white except on October 16. Lafayette and Princeton have been football rivals for many seasons, and the students and alumni here are hoping that a game can be arranged for 1921.

BOB MARTIN WINS BOUT WITH CAMP CUSTER STAR

BATTLECREEK, Mich., Dec. 20.—Bob Martin, A. E. F. champion, clinched his claim to the title last night by knocking out Bill Brennan, Camp Custer heavyweight champion, the only one of the allied army champions he failed to meet during the boxing tournament in France. Martin put Brennan down for the count just before the gong ended the first round.

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